

MONACA BOROUGH
Council Meeting Minutes
January 9th, 2024 at 7:00pm
In person & virtual

The Council Meeting of the Monaca Borough Council was held on the above date and time in person & virtually via Zoom application. The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Mrs. Majors- present @ 7:05pm	Mr. Colville-present
Mr. Mitchell-present	Mr. Yothers- present
Mr. J. Wilson-present	Mr. Michel- present <i>virtually</i>
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. D. Wilson-present	President Booher- present
Mayor Antoline- present	

Others Present

David L. Kramer, Jr.- present; Rich Urick, Esq. present *virtually*

Visitors: none

Communications: None

Minutes:

Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of December 12th, 2023. Second by Mr. Colville. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Colville **motioned** to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of December 19th, 2023. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to approve the Reorganization Meeting Minutes of January 2nd, 2024. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual:

VP Shotter **motioned** to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Antoline gave his report for the month of December 2023.

Citations: **103**

Criminal Arrests: **11**

Calls for Service: **380**

Monetary Receipts: **\$1,845.12**

Managers' Report: Mr. Kramer gave his report. 1.) SGA- Mr. Kramer shared with everyone an email from Mike Stromberg from SGA regarding deducts to the updated bid package for streetscape. He said the packet will not be ready until January 16th, and they are still on target to hit bid date of February twenty-second. He will get that packet out to everyone as soon as possible. Mr. D. Wilson asked if Widmer will look over the packet. Mr. Kramer said he will share it with them. VP Shotter said he asked SGA for good-better-best tier request, will they have this. (Mrs. Majors arrived at this time 7:05pm). Mr. Kramer answered accordingly. More was discussed on the matter.

2.) BIL Holdings projects: Mr. Kramer updated council on the many upcoming projects BIL Holdings has this year on their downtown commercial properties. He and President Booher had a 2hour meeting with them last week to catch up and to update them on streetscape and the meeting went very well.

3.) Design Stream: He met with Design Stream last week regarding tweaking the existing plans. He will keep council posted on this as well.

4.) Monaca Lofts: Closing is still set for Thursday, January 11th, which Solicitor Urick had been copied in on the documents. He announced this will be a virtual closing. Demolition of the property to follow. The permits have already been submitted to the borough and approved.

5.) Recreation/Borough Meeting: Last week, he stated himself, Gabby, Susan Polce joined together to discuss the upcoming yearly events and to set dates for those. He is excited to see what this year holds including Community Day as it will be Friday through Sunday event this year, per the County.

6.) Class of 1971: Mr. Kramer said the class is willing to donate a bench to be located at the plaza. This bench will read Monaca Indians class of 1890 through 2009 and the alma mater will be on it as well, made by Rome monument. He said it is very nice and they will be sure to find a place for it at the plaza once plans are set for there.

7.) CJ Mangin- 998 Indiana Avenue- He said this property has been appraised and will keep council posted on the next moves.

8.) Auditor: One of Turnley's office reps will be in next week to go over year-end reporting and to assist if need be.

9.) Grants: Lastly, Mr. Kramer announced a few grants that he will be applying for this year. There was nothing further to report.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Urick was in attendance via Zoom and gave his report virtually. After his report, he was dismissed from the meeting.

Department Report – Curt DiGiovine, WWTP Supervisor was in attendance and gave his report for the month of December 2023. Mr. Colville asked if Cain Herman has been training with the new hire. Curt said he hasn't since water dept is short one person.

Ordinance Review Committee Report-VP Shotter had nothing to report.

Recreation Report- Mr. Yothers said they do not have a meeting until February. He had nothing further to report.

Library Report- Mr. LaPearle said they do not meet this month. Their first meeting of the new year will be in January. Mr. D. Wilson inquired about their yearly payment to the library. Mr. Kramer said they pay them quarterly and it's been taken care of.

New Business:

1. Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to approve bid from Pro Line Builders Corp for concrete floor repair at the sewer plant in the amount of \$5,400.00. Second, by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to authorize Dave L. Kramer, Jr. Borough Manager, at an annual yearly salary of \$84,000 retro-active to January 1st, 2024. Second, by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
3. VP Shotter **motioned** to authorize Curt DiGiovine, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent, at an annual yearly salary of \$85,176.00, retro-active to January 1st, 2024. Second, by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
4. (a.) VP Shotter **motioned** to authorize Gabby Hernandez, Water Utility Clerk, at an annual yearly salary of \$50,617.71, retro-active to January 1st, 2024. Second, by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
(b.) VP Shotter **motioned** to authorize Gabby Hernandez, Water Utility Clerk at a stipend of \$6,000.00 retro-active to January 1st, 2024. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
Mr. Kramer explained to the newer council members why Gabby & Brittany receive a yearly stipend. Due to the treasurers' position being part-time, it was decided by council last year that Gab and Britt receive a stipend for taking on extra roles, Brittany taking on HR/Insurance role and Gabby with accounts receivable roll that a full-time treasurer would have had.
5. (a.) VP Shotter **motioned** to authorize Brittany Bologna, Administrative Assistant at an annual yearly salary of \$42,743.84, retro-active to January 1st, 2024. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
(b.) VP Shotter **motioned** to authorize Brittany Bologna, Administrative Assistant at a stipend of \$4,000.00 retro-active to January 1st, 2024. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.
6. VP Shotter **motioned** to authorize Nick Vorrias, Neighborhood Service Officer, at an annual yearly salary of \$43,704.64, retro-active to January 1st, 2024. Second, by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
7. VP Shotter **motioned** to authorize Mary Lou Turbish, Treasurer, at an hourly rate of \$21.85 retro-active to January 1st, 2024. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
8. VP Shotter **motioned** to promote Angel Zampogna to Park Manager II, at an hourly rate of \$20.00, retro-active to January 1st, 2024. Second, by Mr. Yothers. Mr. D. Wilson asked if she was paid out of Recreation. Mr. Kramer said her line item is under recreation. Motion carried unanimously.
9. VP Shotter **motioned** to authorize Paul Polce, seasonal employee, at an hourly rate of \$16.50, retro-active to January 1st, 2024. Second, by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

10. VP Shotter **motioned** to authorize Tanner Hoenig, seasonal employee, at an hourly rate of \$15.00, retro-active to January 1st, 2024. Second, by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.
11. VP Shotter **motioned** to authorize William Kelly, seasonal employee, at an hourly rate of \$14.50, retro-active to January 1st, 2024. Second by Mr. D. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
12. VP Shotter **motioned** to authorize Eli Priest, seasonal assistant NSO employee, at an hourly rate of \$15.00, retro-active to January 1st, 2024. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Pres. Booher explained the timeframe in getting a notice put in the paper. He stated if they motion the streetscape bid advertisement tonight, it will be able to get in the paper when they need it. Mr. Colville **motioned** to authorize SGA to advertise Streetscape Bid. Second, by Mrs. Majors. VP Shotter asked to clarify the waiting to approve and why not wait until the bids are ready to be viewed before making this motion. Pres Booher explained once more that it takes a good week before something can be advertised with the Times.
Motion carried 8-2, VP Shotter, Mr. D. Wilson- No.

Citizens:

1. Dan Wilson-798 Kaye Avenue, Monaca, was in attendance to request council's assistance with unreasonable noise from a neighbors' unbearably loud truck at 920 Walnut Street, Monaca. He explained the residents truck this resident has been conducting a business there, and on top of this, he is doing his business late into the evening causing lots of noise, late in the evenings/night-time. Dan went over noise limits in the borough and what's allowed. Pres. Booher went over what department oversees what issues in the borough, whether it's NSO Nick Vorrias or the police department.
2. Richard Bartholomew, 901 Kaye Avenue, Monaca, was in attendance supporting Dan Wilson's statement.
3. Laura Wilson-798 Kaye Avenue, Monaca, was in attendance to also plead her complaint about 920 Walnut Street. She was agreeing with Dan and all that he has said.

Announcements: Pres. Booher read the following announcements: Monaca Christmas Tree recycling program has begun. Collection will be every Monday until January 31st.

Executive Session: VP Shotter **motioned** to go into Executive Session for Personnel & Real Estate at 8:11pm. Second by Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 9:31pm. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 9:31pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 9:32pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary